

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 317

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NOTE: This proposed rules amendment is in response to a suggestion that this rule specifically include motions to close, limit, or extend debate. Section 358 of Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure provides that such motions are not debatable. Under Senate and House Rules 801, however, Mason's only applies when it is not inconsistent with the Senate and House and Joint Rules. Because Senate and House Rules 317 list the motions that are nondebatable, motions not listed would be considered debatable.

Senate and House Rules 312 refer to motions to fix the time to which to adjourn, adjourn, lay on the table, and previous question as not subject to debate. Proposed amendments to those rules would add motions to close, limit, or extend debate as not being subject to debate.